

## Appeals from Courts of Petty Sessions

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### Terms of Reference

In 1973 the Commission was asked to consider and report on the procedure for appeals from decisions of Courts of Petty Sessions, with a view to such appeals being simplified, and amongst other things, rendered less costly.

### Background of Reference

Before any substantive work began on this reference, the Commission received a general reference to review the *Justices Act 1902* (WA), which regulates the procedure of the Courts of Petty Sessions. Because the latter reference demanded a comprehensive review of the Courts of Petty Sessions, including the appeals process, a decision was taken to merge the two references. Project No 48 therefore became Project No 55(I).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Law Reform Commission of Western Australia, *Review of the Justices Act 1902: Appeals Project No 55(I)* (1979).